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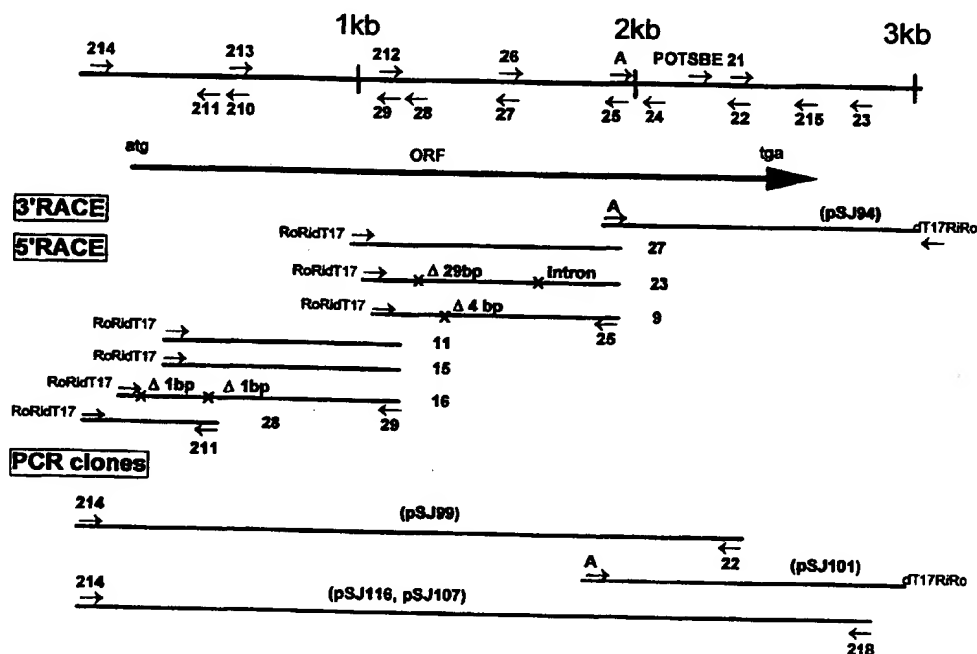
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Disclosed is a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide having starch branching enzyme (SBE) activity, the encoded polypeptide comprising an effective portion of the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 4 or Figure 13.

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